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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e) FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED PROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION**

Attention: Office of Petitions  
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Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accept the unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of a prior filed provisional application. The priority claim is set forth in the attached Preliminary Amendment.

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Applicants further state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(5) and the date the claim is being filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §117(t) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2091.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this Petition and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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